REMARKS

The following Remarks are made in response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed June 27, 2006, in which claims 1-3, 5-22, and 25-39 were rejected.

With this Amendment, claims 3 and 20 have been cancelled without prejudice, and claims 1 and 19 have been amended to clarify Applicant's invention. Claims 1, 2, 5-19, 21, 22, and 25-39, therefore, remain pending in the application and are presented for reconsideration and allowance.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-3, 5-22, and 25-39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Blumberg et al. US Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0140315.

With this Amendment, the method of independent claim 1 has been amended to clarify that determining at least one document type for the print job with the print processing system controller based on characteristics of the print job as included in the data file for the print job includes "processing the data file for the print job to determine characteristics of the print job including at least one of a file format, a number of pages, a print medium, a printing layout, a color content, and an image presence of the print job, and analyzing the characteristics of the print job to determine the at least one document type for the print job."

With this Amendment, independent claim 19 has been amended to clarify that the print processing system controller is adapted to "receive the data file for the print job from the customer, process the data file for the print job to determine characteristics of the print job including at least one of a file format, a number of pages, a print medium, a printing layout, a color content, and an image presence of the print job, and analyze the characteristics of the print job to determine at least one document type for the print job based on the characteristics of the print job as included in the data file for the print job."

With respect to the Blumberg et al. publication, Applicant submits that this publication does not teach or suggest a method of processing a print job as claimed in amended independent claim 1, and does not teach or suggest a system for processing a print job as claimed in amended independent claim 19. For example, the service of the Blumberg et al. publication includes a user interface that enables a user to select finishing options for a document and interactively displays a proof of how the finished document will look when the

user's selected finishing options are applied, whereby the finishing options selected by a user can be stored as a job description file that is associated with the user's document (para. [0030]). Thus, the service of the Blumberg et al. publication simply displays how an electronic document would appear as a finished document, if printed in accordance with the finishing options as selected by the user (see Abstract). Although interaction with the service of the Blumberg et al. publication may include selecting a document type and, optionally, a document template by a user (para. [0076]-[0082]), the service of the Blumberg et al. publication does not include processing a data file for a print job to determine characteristics of the print job including at least one of a file format, a number of pages, a print medium, a printing layout, a color content, and an image presence of the print job, and does not include analyzing the characteristics of the print job to determine at least one document type for the print job based on the characteristics of the print job as included in the data file for the print job.

In view of the above, Applicant submits that independent claims 1 and 19 are each patentably distinct from the Blumberg et al. publication and, therefore, are each in a condition for allowance. Furthermore, as dependent claims 2 and 5-18 further define patentably distinct claim 1, and dependent claims 21, 22, and 25-39 further define patentably distinct claim 19, Applicant submits that these dependent claims are also in a condition for allowance. Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 1-3, 5-22, and 25-39 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) be reconsidered and withdrawn, and that claims 1, 2, 5-19, 21, 22, and 25-39 be allowed.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that pending claims 1, 2, 5-19, 21, 22, and 25-39 are all in a condition for allowance and requests reconsideration of the application and allowance of all pending claims.

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